GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Industries and Commerce Department – Industrial Accidents-Special drive to be undertaken by the industrial units for safety and environment compliance - Inspection of the industrial units – Constitution of District Level Committee– Orders –issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (P&I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.156. Dated:04-08-2020.

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Rt.No.102, I&C (P&I) Department, Dt. 13.05.2020.

2. CPCB directions vide letter No. B-29016/04/IPC-I, dt.16.06.2020.

3. Lr No: CCEP-15021/2/2020-DD-COCEP Dt:09.05.2020

4. High Power Committee Report submitted vide D.O letter No 0707/EFS&T/2020, dt. 06.07.2020 on the Styrene vapour release accident at M/s. LG Polymers India Pvt., Ltd..

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In the reference 1st read above, Industries and Commerce Department had issued orders to resume operations by the industries after COVID-19 lockdown, duly following all the norms and all other measures as required from time to time. However, it is noted that in the recent past, industrial accidents have occurred in factories in the state, with some of them resulting in loss of lives.

2. The Central Pollution Control Board vide reference 2nd cited, directed all State PCBs to ensure that risk studies are duly undertaken by all industries dealing with the hazardous chemical and their Onsite and Offsite plans are operational and mock drills are carried out for testing the same, in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT Order dated 08.06.2020 in OA No 22 of 2020. Further, the Commissioner of Industries had also earlier issued orders in the reference 3rd read above, in connection with inspection of Hazardous industries by District Level committee for compliance of safety protocol for restart of operations.

3. The High power Committee constituted by the Government on the Styrene vapour release accident at M/s. LG Polymers India Pvt., Ltd., submitted a report to the Government vide reference 4th cited. The High Power Committee made certain recommendations on the actions to be taken by various departments, based on the experience of the above mentioned accident.

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4. Accordingly, the Government has decided that there is an immediate need to organize a special drive of inspections for ensuring compliance of all the safety protocols and environmental norms by all the industrial units in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

5. Industrial units covered in the special drive: In the first phase, the following industrial units shall be covered under the special drive:

i. All Hazardous chemical industries covered under MSIHC Rules, 1989

ii. All industries which store, manufacture or handle Hazardous materials / chemicals notified under Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989, (irrespective of threshold quantity of the storage of chemicals).

iii. All industries which store, manufacture or handle explosive substances as defined under Explosives Act and Petroleum Act.

iv. All Red category industrial units.

It is possible that the same industry may fall in different categories. The aim is to cover each and every industry which falls in any of the four categories. Appropriate prioritization should be done in the inspections of the industrial units, based on the safety risks and pollution load, at the District level.

6. It is further decided that as a part of the special drive of inspections, the following actions shall be taken:

a. Each of the concerned Departments, namely the Factories Department, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Boilers Department, AP State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department, Director of Electrical Safety and Chief Electrical Inspector (Energy Department) shall conduct joint inspection of each of the industrial units covered under this special drive.

b. It is essential that each head of the Department of the concerned Department viz., Director of Factories, Member Secretary, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Director of Boilers, DG APSDRFSD, Chief Electrical Inspector clearly prescribe the statement/ report to be prepared by the “Occupier” of the industrial unit in respect of safety protocols and environmental norms as per their applicable Act, Rules and Regulations, **prior to the inspection**. To the extent possible, the statements / reports would be existing prescribed statements / reports which focus on **compliance** with all the safety protocols and environmental norms.

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c. To make the inspection under the special drive effective, the concerned Head of the Departments should give clear instructions to their field staff in their circulars duly quoting the relevant provisions of Acts, Rules and the proforma of the statement/ report which the occupier should prepare and keep ready for the inspection team.

d. The Head of Departments (HODs) should issue the circulars instructions along with the proforma within three days of the issue of this Government Order. Maximum of thirty (30) days time may be given to the occupier of the factories to prepare these statements / reports. However, to ensure that the inspections begin immediately, the industrial units in high priority based on safety risk assessment and pollution load should be asked to prepare the statement / report at the earliest possible (within 7 – 15 days).

e. The industrial unit / occupier who do not have necessary in-house capabilities, may engage any reputed agency specializing in factory safety assessment / environment compliance statement for preparing the above statements / reports.

f. It may be made clear to the “occupier” that they shall be personally responsible for the completeness and correctness of the statement / report. The statement shall be signed by the “occupier” and by the factory safety assessment agency / environment compliance agency wherever applicable.

g. The “occupier” should take due care in preparation of the statements and report so that it functions as **self-compliance reporting mechanism**, by each and every industrial unit.

7. Constitution of District Joint Committee

For the purpose of the special drive, there shall be a District Joint Committee comprising of the following:

i. Joint Collector (A&W) in charge for Industries & Commerce	..	Chairman
ii. Deputy Chief Inspector of Factories, Factories Dept.	..	Member
iii. Inspector of Boilers, Boilers Dept.	..	Member
iv. Regional Officer, APPCB.	..	Member
v. Deputy Electrical Inspector	..	Member
vi. District Fire Officer, APSDRFSD	..	Member
vii. General Manager, District Industries Centre	..	Member Convenor

8. Functions of the District Joint Committee:

The functions and actions to be taken by the District Joint Committee shall be as follows:

i. The District Joint Committee shall ensure that all the actions to be taken by the “occupier” of the industrial unit are completed at the earliest, not later than 30 days from the issue of the circular by the respective HODs.

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ii. The District Joint Committee shall ensure that all the actions to be taken by the respective district heads of the concerned Departments are completed within the stipulated time frame.

iii. The District Joint Committee shall review the reports of each of the concerned inspecting department, after the joint inspections, and take necessary action under relevant provisions of law. The important issues may also be informed to the District Collector and taken up in the DIPC meetings. The issues which need to be taken up at the state level may be informed to the respective Heads of the concerned Departments at the state level.

iv. The District Joint Committee shall ensure that the Local Crisis Group as provided under Chemical Accidents Emergency (Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 is formed for all the above four categories of the industries covered under the special drive. The Local Crisis Group should include the Local Police, the Local SDR&FS personnel, the Workmen representatives of the Industry, the technical and safety managerial experts of the industry, the local body representatives and a group of local youth residing in the vicinity who are willing to participate. The Local Crisis Group should become the first line of response in any emergency. Regular mock drills shall be conducted by the Local Crisis Groups and generally be active on all safety and environmental related compliances of the industrial unit.

v. The District Joint Committee should take lead in forming of District Crisis Group under Chemical Accidents Emergency (Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996, duly including the representatives of industry bodies, workmen unions, academic and technical experts, health care providers, emergency response teams. The District Joint Committee will endeavor to have a permanent body as District Crisis Group, to deal with all issues related to industrial accidents. This will imply that the District Crisis Group will co-ordinate all steps needed for prevention of industrial accidents; and in case of any accident, there is already a team of experts ready to assist the District Administration in the form of District Crisis Group.

vi. The District Joint Committee should also take a lead, along with the Large Industry Representatives, Industry Bodies like CII and especially from the Industries covered under the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989 and Petroleum Act, 1934 to either on their own or in association with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and the Police to set up specialized Chemical Accidents Disaster Response Force, with adequate required equipment and training.

vii. State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) shall become an integral part of Onsite Mock Drills and Off Site Mock Drills and the implementation of the Emergency Plan of all hazardous industries. It should compulsorily be a member of the State, District and Local Crisis Group. Through the mock drills, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) should ensure that the personnel working in the industry should be aware of the preventive measures needed to avoid disasters as well as the Standard Operating Procedure in case of any disasters.

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9. All the Joint Collectors (A&W) are requested to send a monthly report on the progress of the special drive. The special drive must be undertaken and completed successfully within the stipulated period of ninety (90) days. It may be noted that these instructions are for the special drive only.

10. All the District Collectors, Joint Collectors (A&W), Director General APSDRFSD, Member Secretary, APPCB, Vijayawada, Director of Industries, Director of Factories, Director of Boilers, Director of Electrical Safety & Chief Electrical Inspector are hereby instructed to take necessary action immediately in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
All District Collectors.
All Joint Collectors (A&W).
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The Member Secretary, APPCB, Vijayawada.
The Director of Industries, Vijayawada.
The Director of Factories, Vijayawada.
The Director of Boilers, Vijayawada.

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